

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2004. An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 21-23, and 25-33 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-10, 21-23, and 25-33.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 21-23, and 25-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant's admitted prior art, in further review of Goren, U.S. Patent 6,741,235 or Herigstad, et al. U.S. Patent 6,731,316. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 21-23, and 25-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodnar, further in view of Goren or Herigstad et al. The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to now state that the entries of the abbreviated list are mapped to a keypad input into a display device. The display device displays the first abbreviated list along with a mapping to the keypad input. It is not obvious to display an abbreviated list along with its mapping in a display. The claims of claim 1 and 21 are not shown by the combination of the references discussed above.

Herigstad describes a system in which a display is broken down into regions corresponding to a numbered keypad. Herigstad does not describe or suggest any correspondence between the numeric keypads and any alphabetized list data. For this reason, people skilled in the art would not combine the Herigstad reference with the other references. Additionally, if Herigstad was to be combined with the other references, it would not produce a system of the present invention because neither Herigstad or the other references alone or in combination describes displaying an abbreviated list along with the mapping to the keypad input.

Goren describes a system in which a touch screen is used to select letters. Goren does not disclose or suggest mapping to a keypad input. For this reason, the combination of Goren and the other references would produce the system of the independent claims 1 and 21.

Claims 29 reads as follows:

29. A method for presenting a list of alpha-character data, comprising:
 - grouping the alpha-character data into a number of groups; and
 - providing a display indicating first associations of numeric control inputs with the groups, wherein if the number of groups exceeds the number of numeric control inputs, multiple groups are associated with a single numeric control input.

None of the cited references alone or in combination suggest indicating first associations of the numeric control inputs with the groups wherein if the number of groups exceeds the number of numeric control inputs, multiple groups are associated with a single numeric control input. Such a system is not disclosed or suggested in any of the cited references. Note that Goren does not show any association in the display and Herigstad does not deal with any groupings. For this reason claim 29 is believed to be allowable.

Independent claims 2-4, 6-10 are dependent on claim 1. For that reason and because the additional limitations of the claims, these claims are believed to be allowable. Claims 22-23, 25-28 are dependent upon claim 21. For that reason and because of additional limitations of these claims, these claims are believed to be allowable. Claims 30-33 are dependent upon claim 29. For that reason and because of the additional limitations of these claims, these claims are believed to be allowable.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if she can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

Enclosed is a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extending the time to respond up to and including today, February 15, 2005.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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